

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1974
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- * Wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding agriculture and private domestic service) totalled 4,841,200 at the end of August 1974.
- * Between July and August 1974, the number of employees fell by 11,700 (8,300 in seasonally adjusted terms). This was the second successive month in which the number fell; the previous fall was 8,000, seasonally adjusted.
- * Falls occurred in most industries in most States. Major decreases were : retail trade (-2,400), ships and vehicles manufacturing (-2,000), and yarns and textiles manufacturing (-1,800). Over the six months to August 1974 the number of employees in the yarns and textiles, and clothing and knitted goods industries fell by 10,800.

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of Estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners* not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some

part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for about 90% per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, radio and T.V., police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1973—July	1,117.1	837.4	416.1	278.1	227.9	90.4	21.1	44.5	3,032.6	3,041.0
August	1,118.7	840.4	418.1	278.4	229.7	90.2	21.0	44.8	3,041.4	3,051.4
1974—July	(c)1,137.2	r(c)852.9	(c)430.4	286.2	237.3	92.1	22.8	47.6	r(c)3,106.5	r(c)3,115.3
August	(c)1,133.4	(c)850.6	(c)430.6	287.0	236.8	91.9	23.0	47.9	(c)3,101.2	(c)3,111.4
FEMALES										
1973—July	606.1	469.3	203.5	148.6	125.7	42.0	10.5	26.8	1,632.6	1,639.0
August	610.0	471.7	204.7	149.9	126.9	42.0	10.6	27.4	1,642.9	1,650.4
1974—July	643.0	r(c)497.1	(c)219.2	164.3	135.3	44.5	12.6	30.3	r(c)1,746.4	r(c)1,753.3
August	640.2	(c)494.9	(c)218.5	164.1	134.8	44.4	12.8	30.4	(c)1,740.0	(c)1,747.9
PERSONS										
1973—July	1,723.2	1,306.7	619.6	426.7	353.6	132.4	31.6	71.3	4,665.2	4,679.9
August	1,728.7	1,312.1	622.8	428.3	356.6	132.2	31.6	72.2	4,684.3	4,702.5
1974—July	(c)1,780.2	(c)1,350.0	(c)649.6	450.5	372.6	136.6	35.4	77.9	(c)4,852.9	(c)4,868.3
August	(c)1,773.6	(c)1,345.5	(c)649.1	451.1	371.6	136.3	35.8	78.3	(c)4,841.2	(c)4,860.0

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1974 (Reference No. 1.10). (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r - revised.

TABLE 2. - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

Month		Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces	
		Private	Australian	State (b)	Local (b)				Total (b)
MALES									
1973—	July	2,178.8	262.5	489.3	102.0	853.8	3,032.6	70.7	3,103.3
	August	2,189.3	263.2	488.1	100.9	852.1	3,041.4	69.9	3,111.3
1974—	July	r(d)2,237.8	270.9	(d)499.0	98.7	(d)868.7	r(d)3,106.5	64.5	r(d)3,171.0
	August	(d)2,230.5	271.3	(d)501.1	98.3	(d)870.7	(d)3,101.2	64.4	(d)3,165.6
FEMALES									
1973—	July	1,328.2	98.4	191.1	14.8	304.4	1,632.6	3.2	1,635.8
	August	1,337.3	99.7	191.1	14.8	305.6	1,642.9	3.1	1,646.0
1974—	July	r(d)1,412.8	108.4	209.9	15.4	333.6	r(d)1,746.4	3.0	r(d)1,749.4
	August	(d)1,405.0	108.9	210.7	15.4	335.0	(d)1,740.0	3.0	(d)1,743.0
PERSONS									
1973—	July	3,507.0	360.9	680.5	116.8	1,158.2	4,665.2	73.9	4,739.1
	August	3,526.6	362.9	679.1	115.7	1,157.7	4,684.3	73.0	4,757.3
1974—	July	(d)3,650.5	379.3	(d)708.9	114.1	(d)1,202.4	(d)4,852.9	67.5	(d)4,920.4
	August	(d)3,635.5	380.2	(d)711.7	113.7	(d)1,205.7	(d)4,841.2	67.4	(d)4,908.6

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Includes State and local government employees (4.8 thousand persons in June 1974) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. (d) Affected by industrial disputes. r - revised.

TABLE 3. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(‘000)

Month	Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, foundry, etc (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total foundry, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Yarns, Textiles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufac- turing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction
MALES													
1973 — July	14.2	69.9	89.5	102.7	100.7	343.6	177.0	28.5	17.1	144.5	1,029.8	108.9	364.2
August	14.1	70.0	89.4	103.1	101.7	344.7	177.7	28.6	17.0	145.6	1,034.5	108.9	363.7
1974 — July	13.9	72.5	91.0	104.5	106.7	354.4	178.9	r26.4	16.7	(c)136.4	r(c)1,037.7	110.3	370.2
August	13.9	72.9	90.7	103.4	106.3	352.6	177.5	25.6	16.4	(c)137.5	(c)1,033.0	110.5	368.7
FEMALES													
1973 — July	0.7	4.6	8.2	24.9	18.2	83.1	24.4	22.5	71.1	54.4	364.5	8.6	19.7
August	0.7	4.7	8.4	25.5	18.7	84.7	25.0	22.7	71.4	54.9	368.8	8.6	19.9
1974 — July	1.0	5.0	10.0	26.9	21.0	92.9	28.4	r20.7	70.8	(c)56.2	r(c)383.7	8.9	21.1
August	1.0	5.1	10.0	26.4	21.0	92.1	27.8	19.6	69.6	(c)56.1	(c)378.5	8.8	21.0
PERSONS													
1973 — July	14.9	74.6	97.7	127.7	118.9	426.7	201.4	51.0	88.3	198.9	1,394.3	117.5	383.9
August	14.7	74.7	97.7	128.6	120.3	429.4	202.7	51.3	88.5	200.5	1,403.3	117.5	383.6
1974 — July	14.9	77.5	101.0	131.4	127.7	447.3	207.3	r47.0	87.5	(c)192.6	r(c)1,421.4	119.2	391.3
August	14.9	78.0	100.7	129.8	127.2	444.7	205.3	45.2	86.0	(c)193.6	(c)1,411.5	119.3	389.7
Month	Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Communi- cation	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES													
1973 — July	102.5	222.1	97.7	129.0	234.2	446.4	148.8	52.1	109.4	275.9	87.6	125.7	3,032.6
August	102.8	222.4	98.3	129.2	235.3	448.7	148.7	52.2	109.3	276.6	88.3	126.4	3,041.4
1974 — July	106.4	229.9	101.0	133.3	243.0	(c)459.3	153.7	55.6	115.6	292.2	93.2	132.7	r(c)3,106.5
August	106.5	230.1	101.2	133.0	242.2	458.8	154.3	55.7	116.0	292.6	93.0	132.3	(c)3,101.2
FEMALES													
1973 — July	13.6	29.3	28.8	99.2	268.5	357.7	72.4	220.3	149.2	467.7	156.7	179.2	1,632.6
August	13.6	29.6	29.1	99.1	269.9	359.3	73.1	221.1	148.8	469.4	158.1	180.9	1,642.9
1974 — July	14.8	31.7	30.8	108.0	286.3	381.5	81.6	r234.6	163.9	r502.8	166.4	190.4	r(c)1,746.4
August	14.7	31.6	30.9	107.7	284.6	379.8	81.8	235.2	164.4	503.2	166.7	190.7	(c)1,740.0
PERSONS													
1973 — July	116.1	251.4	126.5	228.2	502.7	804.1	221.2	272.4	258.6	743.7	244.3	304.9	4,665.2
August	116.4	251.9	127.4	228.3	505.2	808.0	221.7	273.3	258.0	745.9	246.4	307.3	4,684.3
1974 — July	121.3	261.5	131.8	241.3	529.3	(c)840.8	235.2	r290.3	279.4	r795.0	259.6	323.1	(c)4,852.9
August	121.3	261.7	132.2	240.6	526.9	838.6	236.1	290.9	280.4	795.7	259.7	323.0	(c)4,841.2

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r — revised.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(’000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1973 — July	3,032.6	1,632.6	4,665.2	3,507.0	1,158.2	1,394.3	804.1
August	3,041.4	1,642.9	4,684.3	3,526.6	1,157.7	1,403.3	808.0
September	3,044.3	1,656.7	4,701.0	3,545.9	1,155.1	1,407.3	813.5
October	3,048.6	1,674.1	4,722.7	3,568.3	1,154.4	1,413.3	825.0
November	3,075.5	1,701.5	4,777.0	3,618.5	1,158.5	1,429.8	845.1
December	3,091.5	1,703.9	4,795.4	3,631.1	1,164.3	1,428.1	857.9
1974 — January	3,087.7	1,687.0	4,774.7	3,612.4	1,162.3	1,424.8	838.6
February	3,097.4	1,717.8	4,815.2	3,635.9	1,179.3	1,433.4	839.1
March	3,109.1	1,735.7	4,844.8	3,658.8	1,186.0	1,438.8	844.0
April	3,109.6	1,742.2	4,851.8	3,662.2	1,189.6	1,439.0	844.6
May	3,118.1	1,750.4	4,868.5	3,676.1	1,192.4	1,440.8	848.0
June	3,119.7	1,752.6	4,872.3	3,675.9	1,196.4	1,437.7	847.1
July	r(b)3,106.5	r(b)1,746.4	(b)4,852.9	(b)3,650.5	(b)1,202.4	r(b)1,421.4	(b)840.8
August	(b)3,101.2	(b)1,740.0	(b)4,841.2	(b)3,635.5	(b)1,205.7	(b)1,411.5	838.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1973 — July	3,041.0	1,639.0	4,679.9	3,521.3	1,158.8	1,400.6	809.7
August	3,051.4	1,650.4	4,702.5	3,542.1	1,160.2	1,409.5	815.1
September	3,056.1	1,661.4	4,717.4	3,557.4	1,160.2	1,411.4	818.2
October	3,060.7	1,674.1	4,735.6	3,573.9	1,161.8	1,414.6	826.5
November	3,072.5	1,690.4	4,763.1	3,599.6	1,163.7	1,421.7	835.0
December	3,080.2	1,696.8	4,772.2	3,614.0	1,163.4	1,429.5	836.7
1974 — January	3,087.6	1,700.5	4,788.6	3,618.7	1,172.9	1,426.7	838.7
February	3,088.5	1,716.1	4,804.2	3,630.5	1,174.6	1,428.3	842.5
March	3,098.6	1,727.5	4,827.6	3,646.1	1,177.0	1,429.5	846.8
April	3,103.5	1,738.4	4,843.3	3,658.1	1,181.1	1,437.6	847.0
May	3,113.7	1,747.5	4,861.1	3,673.8	1,185.7	1,440.6	848.2
June	3,121.1	1,754.6	4,876.3	3,682.5	1,194.3	1,440.7	850.2
July	r(b)3,115.3	r(b)1,753.3	(b)4,868.3	(b)3,665.5	(b)1,203.0	r(b)1,427.9	(b)846.6
August	(b)3,111.4	(b)1,747.9	(b)4,860.0	(b)3,651.5	(b)1,208.3	(b)1,417.8	845.9

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 1. r — revised.

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